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Maienschein Opens Mira Sorrento Place

Proudly Representing the
District Five
Communities of:

Carmel Mountain Ranch

Mira Mesa

Rancho Bernardo

Sabre Springs

San Pasqual

Scripps Ranch

Sorrento Mesa

I am so proud to announce the grand opening of Mira Sorrento Place, connecting Scranton Rd. with Vista Sorrento Parkway and the I-805. This road section will handle over 20,000 Average Daily Trips, and will be crucial in reducing traffic congestion on Mira Mesa Blvd., Scranton Rd. and Vista Sorrento Parkway. In addition, another exit turn lane will be added from the I-805 which will further improve traffic flow in the area.

I want to thank all the community and business groups that were involved in this project because Mira Mesa, and Sorrento Mesa, is one of those truly unique areas where business and community leaders work so well together to enhance the business climate and the quality of life. I am pleased that Mira Sorrento Place is the third major road opening in the area during the last four years.

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Councilman Brian Maienschein — Creating a Better San Diego One Neighborhood at a Time!

12 New Police Officers Added to Northeastern Division

I am pleased to announce that twelve new police officers have been assigned to the City of San Diego's Northeastern Division which serves the communities of Carmel Mountain Ranch, Miramar, Mira Mesa, Rancho Bernardo, Rancho Penasquitos, Sabre Springs, Scripps Ranch, and Sorrento Valley.

I have long been advocating for additional officers to be assigned to the Northeastern Division. I am confident that the addition of these officers will greatly enhance the Police Department's ability to keep our neighborhoods safe and our families protected.

In addition, a new police academy got underway a few weeks ago and the Police Department continues to actively recruit qualified men and women to serve our City and keep it America's finest.



Councilmember Maienschein joins several community members to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Carmel Mountain Ranch Country Club on October 22, 2006.



Councilmember Maienschein Hosts Holiday Food Drive

Please join me in helping those less fortunate this holiday season. My office will be hosting a food drive from November 6, 2006 through December 15, 2006 to benefit the Alpha Project of San Diego.

Alpha Project is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit agency whose mission is to end chronic homelessness by providing those individuals and families with job training skills, employment opportunities, drug and alcohol treatment and other critical services. Alpha Project focuses on the belief that homeless men and women can become self-sufficient and productive members of society with the necessary tools and training. I am a long-time supporter of Alpha Project and have utilized their services for many community clean-ups as well as brush clearing in the aftermath of the Cedar Fires.

Please join me in supporting Alpha Project of San Diego by donating non-perishable food items at any of the following drop-off locations: Rancho Bernardo Recreation Center, 7-Oaks Community Center, Westwood Club, Scripps Ranch Library, Scripps Ranch Recreation Center, Mira Mesa Library or the Carmel Mt. Ranch /Sabre Springs Recreation Center.

My office and I will be collecting all donations the week before Christmas and delivering them directly to Alpha Project. For any additional information, please contact Brittany Rankin at (619) 236-6655.

Maienschein Closes Local Assistance Center

On September 25, 2006, I announced that the Local Assistance Center for fire survivors will close due to the remarkable progress made in rebuilding Scripps Ranch. Known as the 'One-Stop Shop,' this office has been such a success. I set it up so fire victims would not have to travel to the City's offices downtown to have plans checked and get permits. The center received accolades from local, state and federal officials for its efficient and effective organization and operation.

At my direction, the City's Development Services Department has staffed the Center five days a week for the past three years. I also had a representative from my office located at the Center to assist the fire survivors with the many issues they faced.

The Scripps Ranch fire survivors have demonstrated a remarkable spirit of recovery since the Cedar Fire destroyed 312 homes on October 26, 2003. Currently, 97 percent of permits have been issued to rebuild and at least 265 families have moved in to their new homes. All but 9 of the Scripps Ranch fire victims have applied for building permits.

This is phenomenal and it is a credit to the entire Scripps Ranch community! I am extremely pleased with how much progress has been made during the past three years and will continue to provide any support needed to complete the rebuilding process in full.



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